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Policy for: Wendell Town Hall Use

WENDELL TOWN HALL USE POLICY

adopted by the Board of Selectmen

August 17, 1982

Fee Schedule:

	Deposit	Refund
Town function (dept. mtgs.)	—	—
Non-profit/town function	$15	$15
Function open to public (admission charged)	$30	$15 $45 w/kitchen
Private function (not open to public)	$60	$15 $75 w/kitchen

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Rental of the Wendell Town Hall is available only to residents of the Town of Wendell.

Any group/person wanting to rent the town hall should contact the Board of Selectmen re availability and one person shall be designated as the person responsible for the hall.

Renter must give notice to the Board at a Board meeting, at least two weeks prior to the requested date of use.

In the case where a deposit is required, a $15 check should be made payable to the custodian and the difference (if there is any) should be made payable to the Town of Wendell. Payment must be made at least 24 hours prior to the rental time.

No alcoholic beverages for either consumption or sale are permitted in the town hall.

Any damages to the hall are the responsibility of the renter.

Occupancy of the hall is limited to approximately 120 people in accordance with state fire regulations.

If occupancy is to exceed 75 people, the renter is required to hire a local policeman.

Liability insurance must be taken out for any non-town sponsored event.

The use of the town hall for commercial uses is not permitted.

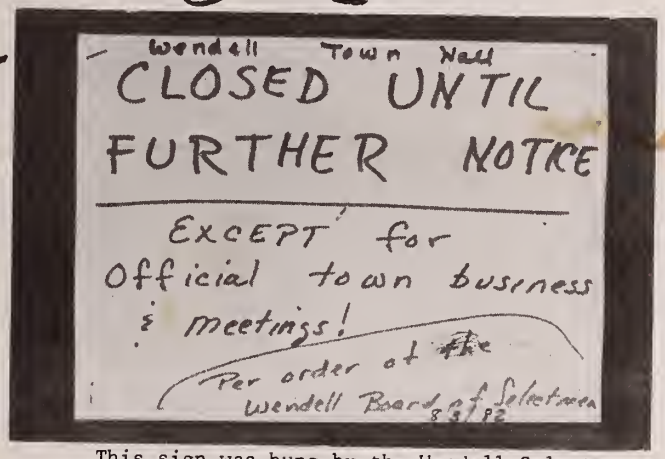
In the case of a dispute concerning the condition of the hall the Selectmen are responsible for settling the dispute.

Private functions are limited to family type affairs, e.g. weddings, anniversary parties, reunions etc.

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to waive payment of the deposit and to make exceptions to this policy in the case of extenuating circumstances.

Wendell Board of Selectmen

Theodore E. Lewis, Chairman
Kenneth Simos
Edward D. Boland



This sign was hung by the Wendell Selectboard on the Townhall doors during the time before the new Townhall policy was made.

Selectman Resigns

Selectman Edward Boland recently submitted his resignation to that elected post. The resignation will be effective upon election of a replacement. Town Clerk Annie Hartjens reports that a special election will be held in late October.

In his official resignation, Mr. Boland cited increasing professional responsibilities as his reason for having to leave the office. In an interview at his home, Ed Boland explained what had changed. "Before I could deal with the Selectboard, but increased job pressures make me now feel unable to deal with pettiness (of the Board). It's gotten to the point where we can no longer talk. I no longer want to be party to that."

Mr. Boland declined to outline specific incidents which may have led up to his decision to leave office, but he did express some personal feelings. "I'm not disillusioned with the Town, I'm disillusioned with the present Selectboard . . . People run for Selectmen either to be a servant or to be a ruler. I ran as a servant and I tried to do things that would help people. I did not want to be a ruler, which I found the other 3 (emphasis his) want to be . . .

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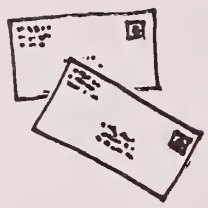


WENDELL POST OFFICE

I would like to thank all who have made an effort to use their box numbers - both post office box and star route box numbers - in their addresses. It makes it much easier for the girls who work at the Post Office to find where the mail is distributed and helps to get it to you for faster service.

Thanks again,
Wendell Post Office

Dear Wendell Post and Wendell Post Readers,

People are calling our home and unsuccessfully trying to convince Myron to take out papers again and run for Selectman. It brings home to me the fact that a Selectman has resigned and what the nature of the Selectboard is like. Things haven't changed in Wendell. Family ties and old biases run strong, and there is resistance to new people and change. The old power structure seeks to keep the power. It's natural and neither good or bad. Occasionally things get good and nasty though. We all talk about how in the past the Town was divided to the extent that there were fistfights in the town hall. Notably, you don't hear that people stayed away then, so maybe we need more of that!

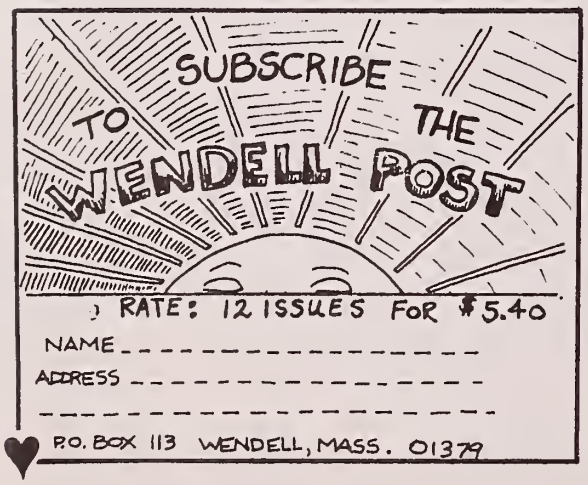
For a while things have just been simmering. People have just been talking ugly about each other in secret with their friends. People have been staying away from publicly voting and showing their true thoughts. We need more action than that to make things exciting!

We did have a taste of some road boss excitement in the winter. Recently it was fun to think about the Selectmen secretly and suddenly changing the townhall lock so that all the rest of the Town and officials, including one of their own members, couldn't get in. Now the Selectmen will soon be missing a member because he became frustrated. With the up coming election, maybe we can get another in-law to match up on the Board of Selectmen with Ted and Harry. At Special Town Meeting, maybe we can look forward to voting in the proposed personnel policy so that the Selectmen can really have some "fun" with the Road Boss. We've got a new Town Hall Policy, its true. We don't have to worry about those people doing those certain things anymore.

It's time for all the "sleeping dogs" to wake up, let's not let them lie around here anymore! Let's really pick sides and square off for a long winter. Maybe for historical symbolism, we can find an old stove pipe to divide the Townhall into halves again.

Not so sincerely yours,

Kathy Becker



Bats in the Belfry

IRRESISTABLE DESSERT LURES BAT/ BAT TERRORIZES POST STAFF/ BAT JOINS STAFF FOR BRENDA'S PIE

August 3, 1982 8:30 p.m.

The Wendell Post Staff was gathered at the home of Brenda and Bobby Vincent for the meeting to plan this issue. Just as they were delving into the scrumptious, creamy, fruit-filled dessert Brenda had prepared (Brenda's famous desserts are a delicious side-benefit of Post meetings) a bat flew into the room. Plates and forks flew as Brenda dove to the floor. Jane Schoenberg huddled covering her hair, fearful that the "rabid" bat would become tangled in her locks. Annie Diemand crouched low, stricken by the thought of vampires. Michael Idoine stood stiffly, trying to appear calm. Helen Boland cried, "Oh Wow, Oh Neat! A real bat. I never saw a real bat THIS close !" And Kathy Becker saved the day by initiating a bat pursuit destined to rid the house of the varmit. Soon a sheet was found to block off a portion of the living room while Kathy, Michael and an over-anxious Helen flayed towels and brooms in an effort to herd the critter out an open door. Finally, after a half an hour battle, the squealing bat was knocked in flight, gathered up in a towel and carried outside to safety by a triumphant and brave Kathy. The shaken staff pulled themselves together, feasted on another helping of dessert and the meeting returned to peace and order.

Maple Valley School

As Maple Valley begins its tenth school year we are pleased to announce the establishment of two new programatic features.

Firstly, we will be redesigning one of our group residences in order to accommodate a new short-term residential program. This program, The Center for Child & Family Resources, will be located one half mile from the main Maple Valley campus. The close proximity to the main campus will allow for an ideal blend of resource sharing as well as the necessary autonomy. The program will be designed to address the need in our part of the state for short-term services for adolescents and their families. The emphasis will be placed on helping to stabilize a child and family in crisis, as quickly as possible and to promote the type of movement that will enable the child and family to remain together and intact. In addition, the Center for Child and Family Resources will provide a full range of diagnostic, clinical and educational services. We are currently expecting this new program to begin operations in the early fall.

Our second upcoming project concerns the establishment of a complete woodworking vocational/educational program. We intend to lease from the New Salem Academy, New Salem, MA, one of their fully equipped vocational shop buildings. At this point in time, we are extremely optimistic and expect to begin operations in this new facility beginning September.

Overall, we are proud of our last decade here at Maple Valley. We are hoping that in the future we may continue to serve the needs of children and their families in our area.

Sincerely yours,

Mitchell Kosh

Mark Rosen

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The Church is Alive in Wendell

If you have been driving through the center of Wendell on Sunday evening around six o'clock and thought your ears were ringing, don't worry. What you were hearing was the church bell. In fact, if you had stayed around a little longer, you would have heard the voices of your friends and neighbors lifted in prayer and song. Yes, the Wendell church is once again an active church, with the help of many people working together. Rev. Arthur Shaw, from the North Orange Community Church, has offered to be interim minister and is helping with the reorganization. Gladys Powling has been working on membership lists and publicity. Several local musicians have offered their services and Debby Fier has tuned the piano. Other help has come in the form of preaching, flowers, signs, and most important, attendance. The congregation is growing. We hope to turn on the electricity in September. What we need now is more people and ideas. If you want to see the church alive and active, let us know what you are looking for. Some suggestions have been Bible Study, Church School, choir and services exploring different Christian themes, but it can't happen without you.

At a meeting on August 24th, new officers were elected and plans for reorganization were discussed. New officers include: Trustees - Gladys Powling, Florence Blackbird and Lawrence Barstow, Moderator - Sylvia Wetherby, Clerk - Gilbert Farmer and Treasurer - Jackie Ricketts.

Services for September, 1982, will be conducted by:

Arthur Shaw - Sept. 5
Malcolm Turner - Sept. 12
Tabley Rappolt - Sept. 19
Sept. 26 is still open for ideas. See you in church!

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Wendell Planning Board Report

Wendell Planning Board
Wendell, Massachusetts 01379
August 20, 1982

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE WENDELL PROTECTION BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following zoning by-law: (This by-law will be inserted as new Article 11. Old Article 11 will henseforth be referred to as Article 12.)

Article 11: Multiple dwelling lots.

Section I. Lot area shall be increased by one acre for each additional contiguous dwelling unit. Lot area shall be increased by two acres for each additional non-contiguous dwelling unit per lot.

Section II. A special Permit is required for the construction of or conversion into more than two dwelling units per lot.

Section III. A maximum of six (6) dwelling units is allowed per lot.

Section IV. An existing structure may be converted to house no more than four dwelling units.

Section V. A minimum of two acres and 100 ft. frontage along the front lot line or a minimum of four acres and 30 ft. frontage along the front lot line is required for each non-contiguous dwelling unit on the same lot.

Section VI. The minimum distance between non-contiguous dwelling units on the same lot shall be 100 ft.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following zoning by-law:

Article 14: Parking:
Two off street parking spaces are required per dwelling unit.

To see if the Town will vote to add the following definition to

Article 15: Definitions (formerly Article 13):

Dwelling Unit: A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Wendell Planning Board

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40-A, Section 5, M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, Sept. 27, 1982 at 7:30 pm, at the Wendell Town Hall to consider the addition of two zoning by-laws to the Wendell Protection By-Law. The proposed by-laws deal with required parking spaces per lot and guidelines for multiple dwelling lots.

A copy of the proposed text may be inspected at the Wendell Public Library Tuesdays 2pm - 4 pm, Wednesdays 11am - 4pm, 6pm - 8pm, and Saturdays 10am - noon. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the zoning proposal should appear at the time and place designated.

Helen Boland, chairwoman

Wildwood Farms
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Selectman Resigns cont.

I ran because I am part of this town, not because I feel better than this town. Someone has to administrate, but no one has to rule. I am sick of being part of that . . . The problem comes when the Selectboard takes it upon itself to protect the people from themselves. This town is not made up of just buildings, streets and rules. Wendell is made up of people, and the people are beautiful . . . In this town we are neighbors and friends and we are in it together with other towns. I am for getting together and I ran on that. Fighting causes the ship to sink." Ed Boland observed that the Selectboard works effectively on money issues. "Many times what helps the people helps the Selectboard. We all agree on ways to keep taxes down because we all pay them." But on issues having to do not with the Town as a whole, but with people or groups of people, he found the Board less effective. "In people issues, I found personal biases." "I don't want to be a party or contributor to that any longer."

"I am sorry to the people who have voted for me, but I can't effectively work as a Selectman anymore. I really am sorry. I never have stopped feeling good about this Town, I love this Town, and I will continue to work in less frustrating capacities. For now I haven't forgotten my responsibilities (referring to remaining term in office).

Wendell Special Town Meeting

The Wendell Highway Department leads four other town departments in a list of appropriations put up to Wendell voters at a September 21st special town meeting. The School Committee, Tax Assessors, Board of Health and Fire Department will be asking for supplemental money at this meeting.

The Highway Department is renewing the issue of whether to complete Montague Road to the Ruggles Pond intersection. A 1979 Town Meeting voted to approve the road to its present point and no further. Also requested is $3,400 for a new snowplow, and a sum for cost-shared work on Mormon Hollow and West Roads. A new salt shed at the town garage completes the Highway Department's lists.

Two separate articles will be presented. One article seeks voters' permission to allow the withdrawal of the Town of Rowe from the Franklin County Technical School District. In another matter approval is sought for funds to pay for a new sick leave policy for DPW employees and the highway surveyor.

The assessors are looking for approximately $5,000 for several projects needed to complete the revaluation that is restructuring the Town's real estate tax process. They will also seek an undetermined amount of money from free cash to stabilize the tax rate.

The School Committee will be asking for $3,000 to repair and improve the heating system at the Center School.

An insurance payment from an accident to the Fire Department's pumper needs approval for transfer to the Department's expense account. Finally, the Board of Health may seek money needed to cover the cost of running the town dump operation.

At press time this warrant is not complete, so voters should check regular posting places for the final official warrant. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

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New Salem Academy

Reading, Writing, Rithmetic and "Responsibility by Ruth Wynkoop

Entering this fast moving, ever changing world, our young adults need much more preparation than the public school system is able to offer. The present structure of our public secondary school system offers scholastic studies and vocational opportunities, however, fails tremendously in teaching future adults how to function as adults. Because of the large student bodies, individual concentration is impossible, resulting in students being subjected to often unreasonable authority and being lost in an ocean of conformity. Could it be here our children lose interest in learning and growing? If so, is there an alternative?

Thanks to an innovative resident of New Salem, Nathaniel Needle, our community will have a new secondary school (grades 7-12) in the Fall of 1983, located in New Salem, Massachusetts, in the New Salem Academy buildings, retaining the name, New Salem Academy, for its historic value.

The new "New Salem Academy" gained approval of the Board of Trustees, after negotiations this past spring. Just previous to this, Helen Boland, of Wendell, became a co-founder of the school. Nat is currently working for his doctorate in education at the University of Massachusetts and has previous experience working in the educational field, such as co-founder of Odd Fellows Playhouse, a performing arts center for youths in Middletown, Connecticut, Fulbright Mays Teaching Assistant in France, teaching English to French children (ages 8-11) and teaching dramatics in French to ages 12-14. Helen has been a teacher in the public school system this past year, becoming aware of a need for more individual attention of students. She feels her real talents as an educator lie in one to one contact with students. Together, Helen and Nat form an ideal of a creative, student oriented school, a real alternative to public schools.

The students of New Salem Academy will be closely involved with the faculty regarding curriculum, policies and personal goals. While students will be receiving the same academic courses as public schools, N.S.A. will be taking it a step further. The students will be involved in group projects where they not only will learn cooperation, but will be able to apply their learned skills. Examples of such projects are, studies involving statistical data, newspapers, projects of diet and exercise, studies of life cycles of plants, or possibly developing a small business.

Discipline will be based on an agreements and consequences system. Students will be active in making the agreements and consequences, giving them a true sense of the self-discipline needed to function in the world.

The faculty will consist of a full-time and part-time staff. The full-time staff will be involved in all aspects of the school, while the part-timers will be bringing their expertise into the curriculum. Applications for faculty are now being accepted and may be mailed to Nathaniel Needle, Box 81, New Salem, MA 01355.

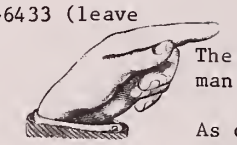
The tuition for the school will be approximately $2,000/year. Scholarships will be possible in the future to attract students of families previously unable to consider private school as an alternative.

At this point of development, community involvement is vital. There is so much work to be completed before next fall. There is fund raising, maintenance of the buildings, gathering of supplies, and many more tasks. If you're interested in providing the children of our community with a better education, get involved. Meetings are held in the New Salem Academy building (with the clock tower) on South Main St., New Salem at 7:30-9:30 P.M. on Sundays. If you are unable to donate your time or skills, you can be a great help by supporting the upcoming fund raising events listed below.

If you have any questions or would like to make a tax-free donation please feel free to phone:

Nathaniel Needle (617)544-7327
Helen Boland (617) 544-2207
or trustee Paul Wilbur (617)544-6433 (leave message on machine)

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Sept. 19th	"Small Time Life" New Salem Town Hall
Sept. 20th	Nat Needle (Benefit performance) Iron Horse 4:00 Northampton, Mass.
Oct. 10th	Tag Sale at a strategic spot for foliage season (Need donations of items: call Helen Boland (544-2207) for pick-up of your items)
mid-October	Contra Dance
early Nov.	Steven Schoenberg Chamber concert in New Salem, Mass.

Wendell Free Library Notes

As summer draws to a close, the Wendell Free Library concludes its annual film series and children's reading program. Bruce and Tina Cohen ran the series of eleven films, which were attended by Wendellites of all ages. Old Home Day was observed with the traditional sale of used books by the Friends of the Library, a showing of several films, and displays of old photographs and Wendell memorabilia. Representative Bill Benson toured the library and talked with the trustees, Ingrid Pfohl and Tina Cohen. He admired the library facilities, services and town support. All of us at the library enjoyed seeing so many of you visit and use the library as part of Old Home Day celebrations.

We wish to publicly acknowledge and thank Pat and Ed Judice and all the members of the Wendell Historical Society for their hard work over the years in assembling and administering a growing and exciting collection of Wendell's history. As this collection passes into the hands of the library, we can sense the pride and love of town which attended the work of the Historical Society. The library will now be responsible for the collections' care and development. We eagerly solicit donations of articles from town residents, and will do our best to keep the collection accessible, properly cared for, with items of interest on display.

For those who are interested, books with large print may be obtained through the regional library. Please leave your name and a list of desired titles, authors or general topics with the librarian, Lois Carey.

The LIBRARY HOURS through October are: Tuesday 2-4 p.m., Wednesday 12-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-noon.

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WENDELL SPECIAL ELECTION
Monday, October 25

The Special Election to vote for a selectman will be on Monday, October 25, 1982.

As of press time, Jim Slavas is the only person to have taken out papers.

WENDELL CENTER POST OFFICE
HOURS TO CHANGE

Beginning October 1, 1982, the Wendell Post Office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday hours will be from 8:00 a.m.-12 p.m.

TAG SALE

THE WENDELL POST is having a TAG SALE on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 & 26 at the Diemand Egg Farm, Mormon Hollow Road, Wendell.

Marriages

David McClary and Jean Marble, of Mormon Hollow Road, were married on July 3, 1982 in Turners Falls, MA.

David M. Walsh and Geraldine M. Manning of Jennison Road, were married on June 26, 1982 in Rockland, MA.

David R. McCarthy and Alexandria L. Buckowski, of Wendell Depot Road, were married on June 12, 1982 in Wendell.

Births

Seth Peter Lawrence-Slavas was born on June 21, 1982 at 12:39 p.m. in Northampton, MA. Congratulations to Jim Slavas and Phyllis Lawrence of Old Egypt Road!

Ariel Pearson was born on August 21, 1982 at 2:10 p.m., Locksvillage Rd., Wendell.

Galadriel Pearson was born on August 21, 1982 at 2:50 p.m., Wendell Depot Rd., Wendell Congratulations to William (Boo) Pearson and Joanna Totino , of Wendell Depot Rd., on the birth of your twin baby girls.

Death

Galadriel Pearson, age three weeks died on September 12, 1982, 3 am at the Wesson Women's Hospital. Family and friends have started a flower garden in Galadriel's memory near the playground at the center school.

Land Transfers

6/17/82	Saul Gliserman, Mitchell Kosh and Mark J. Rosen to Helen E. Grow, 3.5 acres and dwelling, Farley Rd.
7/1/82	Juanita A. Read to Thomas W. Read, Elizabeth Ann Martin and Margaret L. Simos, West side of Farley Rd.
7/1/82	Juanita A. Read to Read Auerbach and Tracy Testa, East side of Farley Rd.
7/8/82	Thomas M.J. Devine and Shane M. Devine to Myrtle D. Scanlin, 40 acres, near Benjamin Hill Road.
7/8/82	Dana E. Dodge to Lawrence H. Marlowe 1 acre and dwelling, Farley Rd.
7/12/82	George E. Gray and Jeannitte J. Gray to Todd G. Wynkoop and Ruth A. Wynkoop, 2 acres and dwelling, FarleyRd.
7/23/82	Walter C. Jones to Charles J. Hart, Sr., Joan B. Rodriguez, Franklin J. Belville and Jane A. Belville, 24.927 acres, West side of Kempfield Rd.

The Commonwealth Forest

by Bruce Spencer

When I think about the Commonwealth Forest, I do not have to go beyond New Salem and Wendell to understand its origins, growth and future. Although many feel they have total control and use of the forest, their own role as a member of humanity is no different than a trees role in the forest. The forest should not have an abrupt ending or beginning and likewise neither should humanity.

Much of the forest as we know it in New Salem and Wendell got started in a relatively short period of time 60-80 years ago. A couple dozen active sawmills were enough to clear out a good portion of these towns during that short span of years. Many will say this massive clearcutting or the numerous fires that followed didn't do any harm, because the land is still covered with trees

We were lucky that some land did produce a fine forest, but in many cases such as the dry uplands and wet low lands the forest is a reflection of this exploitation. The dry uplands are a mono-culture of low productive oak that are more noted for their production of gypsy moths than forest growth. A mixed conifer-hardwood forest would have tripled this mono-culture in growth and more than tripled the value. State wide the loss is very substantial.

This exploitation was recognized by the old Dept. of Natural Resources back in the 30's or 40's so that a "Forest Cutting Practice Act" was formulated and passed. It mandated that the D.N.R. be empowered to protect the Commonwealths Forest so that this could not happen again. This law was vigorously enforced up through the 1950's and then slowly the priorities of the D.N.R. and the new D.E.M. began to change other things. D.E.M.'s non-enforcement of the law is such that it is now unable to prosecute anyone.

Although the forests of Wendell and New Salem have grown without much help from men, they have become increasingly valuable. More and more of the forest is becoming marketable so that soon the entire tree will be utilized. When a few large wood burning plants are built and the demand for wood chips grows, it is unlikely that many landowners will resist the dollars for their entire forest. The forest will have an abrupt ending and the cycle will be repeated. But the impact will be worse since we are dealing primarily with hardwoods instead of softwoods. The forest will be replaced by coppice stands which the glueing and burning boys love. This is the high-tech fiber forest. Cuttings will likely be more frequent at 20-30 year periods.

The only possible way to prevent the loss of the Commonwealth Forest is to update the current law and then enforce it. It is clear to me that unless D.E.M.'s very existance is at stake, the Forest Cutting Practice Act will not be enforced.

Student and Teachers Unite to Prevent Nuclear War

by Helen Boland

One week before the start of school students and teachers from across the nation came together with a common cause: to put an end to the threat of nuclear war. S.T.O.P. Nuclear War, an acronym for Student/Teacher Organization to Prevent Nuclear War, held its first annual membership meeting at the Northfield campus of the Northfield/Mount Hermon School August 25 and 26. Members and interested individuals came from as far as California, with a large contingent from Ohio, to share ideas and hope for a nuclear-free future.

The organization was conceived at a workshop during a week-long focus on Nuclear Disarmament held at Northfield/Mt. Hermon in April, 1981. In the past six months high school students, concerned about the future of our planet have started more than 30 S.T.O.P. groups in their own schools. S.T.O.P. Nuclear War has been endorsed by the N.E.A. (National Education Association).

Across our country teenagers are taking on the "challenge to overcome powerlessness" on the issue of the arms race. Amy Simon, a senior at Newton North H.S. near Boston, was overcome with emotion after viewing a film on Hiroshima at a school assembly. After talking with a few friends about their mutual concern about a nuclear reoccurence in the face of U.S. military escalation, she decided to form a group to educate students and the general public on this issue. After linking with S.T.O.P., Amy's group held a teach-in at their school; leafleted on the Boston Common; designed and sold t-shirts to raise funds; held letter writing sessions targeted at local and federal legislators; created a nuclear information section in the school library; set-up information tables at local fairs and events; compiled an information packet for other schools to use in starting their own S.T.O.P. chapter; and sent 3 busloads of students and teachers to the June 12 rally in New York.

John Vadas, a dynamic senior from Cleveland, Ohio, started a S.T.O.P. chapter at his school after becoming personally activated on the Nuclear War issue. After reading the book, Hiroshima, by John Hersey in school and attending a lecture on the arms race, John made a solemn "personal vow never to forget the seriousness of this issue." He joined the Physicians for Social Responsibility as its youngest member and spoke on a radio talk show with other representatives of the group. John was asked by other stations to be on talk shows and soon had his own monthly program on which he discussed student involvement in the nuclear arms issue. Since spring, John has lectured to many civic groups and high schools. To date each school he has spoken at has joined S.T.O.P. Nuclear War.

These two examples act as an inspiration to those of us who feel frustrated and powerless in this growing world crisis. They illustrate that there is a movement blossoming and that the young people of the 80's are taking on the challenge to save our planet from destruction.

For more information about S.T.O.P. Nuclear War write: S.T.O.P., Box 232, Northfield, MA 01260, or call (413)498-5311 Extension 264.

On Being Healthy

MaryvonneKutsch

I mentioned in an earlier column that the body seems to have the ability to control "caloric intake".(in other words the body might be more in control than one would think when it comes to appetite.) It is safe to say that a "craving" for a certain type of food could be a signal that there is some deficiency. The body (under control of the brain and spinalcord) will detect deficiencies and make an attempt to correct these deficiencies through diet or other means. The brain and spinal cord(the central nervous system)require glucose for energy and this energy need will be satisfied over and above any other body need. Since the tissues of the central nervous system are not able to store glucose and recieve it only through the blood supply, there is a constant demand. The glucose which comes easily from simple sugar and carbohydrates is the body's favorite source of energy.Fats and proteins are also available for energy but their breakdown into glucose is a more complicated process.

In light of this information it is not surprising that there is such a "sugar problem" these days. The over-emphasis on sugar in the marketplace(whether in the form of candy or soda, or as an additive in foods)is a typical commercial reaction to our brain's natural craving for glucose. Unfortunately it seems to be up to the individual to decide how many "empty" calories (the energy one would derieve from most candy,sodas,etc.)one can use for energy without becoming deficient in other nutrients. In addition to sucrose(white sugar) there are other quick ways of satisfying energy needs. Carbohydrates such as bread, potatoes, pasta, and fruits and vegetables are quickly converted to glucose and contain valuable nutrients for the body.

This information might make good sense but is at the same time "hard to swallow". How does the body "know" that it will receive glucose(or energy) from sweet tasting foods? Good question. If the brain is so "in charge" why do we have to regulate ourselves through our diet? Another good question and one might say " food for thought". Til next time!

Wendell's Administrative Assistant

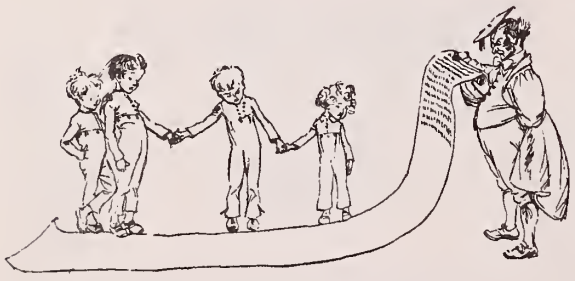
This is the first in what I hope to be a regular column describing my activities as Administrative Assistant to the Wendell Board of Selectmen. The following is a brief summary of some of the projects that I have been and will continue to be working on.

Community Building At the request of the Wendell Board of Selectmen, I have begun to investigate the feasibility of the renovation of a building in the center of Wendell for a town community center. There are a good many possibilities for such a center but in order to make it a reality we'll need to have a good deal of community participation from the very beginning. The first step is to have a community meeting of all interested people and I have scheduled such a meeting for Thursday, September 9, 1982 at the Wendell Town Hall. Please attend.

Personnel Policy In the past few months, the Board and I have been working on the development of a personnel policy for town employees. The purpose of this policy is to provide for regulations that protect both the town employees and the town. Prior to the adoption of this policy, the Selectmen will hold a public hearing to give everyone an opportunity to review this policy and to comment on it. Watch the town bulletin boards for a notice of this hearing.

Community Development Block Grant Wendell is one of nine Franklin County towns that have received final approval on their joint application for a grant to provide a housing rehabilitation program for low and moderate income families. The nine towns received notice of the award of the $800,000 CDGB grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development on August 19, 1982. This grant, which will be administered by the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority provides for deferred and low-interest loans to homeowners and investor owners who want to make structural repairs and/or weatherize their houses. The program will be getting underway very soon and more detailed information will be available in next month's column. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please give me a call at the Erving Town Hall (544-3636) any Monday, Thursday or Friday.

Town Hall Use Policy The selectmen and I have been attempting to develop a town hall use policy this past couple of months. It seems that the Board is coming close to adopting a policy that would include a fee schedule for the use of the town hall depending upon the type of use. I would suggest contacting the Board or Harry Williston for further information.



Selectman's Minutes

Wendell Town Hall

June 15, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Edward Boland with the full Board present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The minutes of the June 1st meeting were approved.

Lincoln Soule met with the Board to discuss the mess that the Highway Department made of his driveway last fall when they reconstructed Bullard Pasture Rd. Ted figured that it will cost approximately $1,500.00 to repair the damage. Lincoln will do some preliminary work then the Highway Dept. will do what should have been done last year.

Ted reported that he and Ken met with the Board of Health last week concerning increasing the hours that the dump is open.

Discussed pay raises for the Highway Dept. employees - full and part-time. A decision will be made at a later date.

Hwy. Surveyor Tom Bardsley submitted a proposal for the use of Chapter 90 funds. After a short discussion, the Board asked him to re-submit the proposal,this time it should include sealing West St., Mormon Hollow Rd., and rebuilding Morse Village Rd. from the church to the bottom of the hill.

Hwy. Surveyor Bardsley was asked to pick up any fallen brush on the commons.

Tom questioned who is responsible for putting in a culvert for a driveway. Slm. Lewis and/or Rita Farrell will look into this and report back.

The Board instructed Hwy. Surveyor Bardsley to repost the bridges on Jennison Rd. and Cooleyville Rd. at a 3 ton limit.

Discussed the proposed policy governing Town Hall use. Sec.I. For Town Groups - no fee. All agreed to this. Sec.II. For Non Town Groups charging admission and open to the public - $30 fee. Sec.III. For Private Groups - limited guest list - $50 fee. Sections II and III the Board could not agree to the wording and some aspects concerning these. Work on this policy will continue in the weeks to come.

Doug Simon asked the Board if he could change his request for the Town Hall use to including the use of the hall for a reception. The Board members restated their earlier position. Lewis and Simos - no, Boland - yes.

Scott Higgins requested the use of the Town Hall to practice piano. Request denied.

The Board made the following appointments: Board of Registrars-Nellie B. Parsons; Conservation Commission-Neal Feltman; Board of Appeals-Dean Bennett; Recreation Committee-Beverly Cowdrich, Pliny Stebbins and Christine Heard; Historical Commission-Emma Cappalluzzo, Jean Forward and Jean Weber; Town Counsel-John Gates; Chief of Police-Edward Chase; Police Officers Harold Burnett,Theles J. Blackbird, Robert Hogerheide, William Facey, Jessie Wetherby; Dog Officer-Thomas Bardsley; Inspector of Buildings-Harold Burnett; Asst. Inspector of Buildings-Thomas W. Ploff; Wiring Inspector-Paul Petruski; Road Boss-Thomas Bardsley; Civil Defense Director-Albert Diemand; Asst. Civil Defense Director-Emma Cappelluzzo; Franklin Reg. Trans. Authority Rep.-Rita Farrell; Mt. Grace Trans. Area Trustee-Kenneth Simos; Dutch Elm and Gypsy Moth Supervisor-Theodore Lewis; Hazardous Waste Co-ordinator-Nina Keller.

Ken made a motion that a representative of Rural Arts should appear before the Board before they hold another function in the hall. Carried 2 yes (Ted and Ken), 1 no (Ed). Ken will contact a representative.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

July 6, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ed Boland with the full Board present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Discussed Ron Puchalski's driveway and the problems that were created several years ago. The Board and Highway Surveyor agreed to put in a culvert parallel to the road from the upper drive to the present culvert that crosses Farley Rd. If the cost approaches $900, Hwy. Surveyor Bardsley is to see the Board at once.

The Board of Health requested fill for the dump.

Discussed Chapter 90 requests:

1. Re-surface and drainage on Mormon Hollow Rd. up to $13,500.

2. Re-surface and drainage on West St. up to $13,500.

Farley Rd. will be surfaced on 7/7/82.

Discussed fence for Dog Pit.

8:00 p.m. recessed to attend a hearing on the 9 town Housing Rehabilitation/Weathization Program.

8:30 p.m. Hearing over.

Anne Diemand, Head of the "Old Home Day Comm." asked to have Center Rd. closed on Saturday. Traffic control for the Road Race will be done with the advice and consent of the Police Chief.

Road Race Rte.-Church to Maple Valley School, down Farley Rd., through the State Forest, return to center via Montague Rd.

Anne would like to use the Hall for a concert by David Mallet if it rains. Occupation will be cut off when the hall reaches capacity of the law.

The Town Hall will be closed no later than 10:00 p.m.

The Town Hall will be used for rest room facilities only unless it rains.

Discussed Town Hall Policy. Rita Farrell presented the Board with a comparison of four other towns.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

July 20, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Edward Boland with the full Board present.

The minutes of the June 15th and July 6th meetings were approved.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Ted and Rita Farrell met with Carrol Holmes of the Commonwealth of Mass. Dept. of Natural Resources on Monday to discuss the cemetery land swap.

Dog Officer Tom Bardsley asked the Selectmen and Board of Health to approve the Dog Pit Fence when it is installed.

Voted to return plow parts to New England Municipal and Construction Supply Co. Ted will contact the company.

Voted to officially thank the "Old Home Day" workers and sponsors for a job well done.

Voted to put an article on the next Special Town Meeting Warrant to finish Montague Rd.

Ed Boland resigned as Chairman due to personal reasons. Ted Lewis was elected to serve as Chairman until the next annual election.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, July 27, 1982, to work on the Personnel Policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Wendell's Music Scene

Work has continued this summer at Ka Records on upgrading the studio and putting together a new 45 rpm record by Judith Ann Marie. Recorded last May with the Loose Caboose Band again backing her up, the record features a "rootsified" version of the Four Tops 1966 hit "Reach Out (I'll Be There)", re-titled "Jah Will Be There", on the A side and a Judith Ann Marie collaboration with Caboose vocalist Ras Jahn Bullock on side two, entitled "We Need to Free Our Love." This record should be available at the Wendell Country Store, as well as record stores in the Valley and Boston, before the leaves turn red, gold and green. Irie?

Two albums which are completed but still in production are the debut albums by Wendellites Loose Caboose and Debbie Fier. Debbie's was recorded last winter in Boston and features her own powerful performances of her songs backed with a top flight band. She hopes to release the album independently some time this fall. The Caboose album which is called "Dealer's World", was recorded and mixed in Jamaica and New York over the last eighteen months and should be out soon on the Jamaican label IMANI, with probable distribution through a Stateside company.

Founding member and bassist Allyn Dorr has retired from Loose Caboose to raise a family and play jazz part-time in the Boston area. Playing bass with Caboose at the dinner/dance August 21st at the Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield was Mickey Miller (aka Ras Micheal) who comes to the band from years of playing and jamming with bands in the Boston area. Mickey and Caboose played their first show in Old Orchard Beach, Maine on August 9th after an intensive week of rehearsals in Wendell and the group plans to be busy this fall playing independent dinner/dances, club dates, colleges and planning the recording of a next album.

"Wailing Dave" Robinson of the Outerspace Band is living in the area again after a lengthy stay in New York City. He's been working solo and doing a wide selection of blues, jazz, and original tunes on dobro, guitar, harmonica and other instruments and has put together a trio which includes ex-Magic Music Band, Three to get Ready, multi-instrumentalist Doug Huntington on drums. Watch for them!

Fans of Wendell music got an unexpected treat when Magic Music reformed to jam a lengthy set on the Wendell Common at Old Home Day on July 10th. With a percussionist from New York City and bassist Tom Divine anchoring the rhythm section with Rodney Raub, the MMB brought back the same positive good time vibe they had created in the mid-seventies while living in the two houses which formed a backdrop for their show.

"A lot of water has passed under the bridge", remarked Jeff Bauman, but that didn't prevent the group from reaching "The Promised Land", especially on their set closing poly-riddmic percussion jam. Their set contributed to the high spirits of the day, which concluded with a concert on the common featuring Wailin' Dave and Maine singer-songwriter David Mallet.

The concert was produced by Klondike, who has been on the road this summer with Mallet, whose live album "Hard Light" he engineered for Paul Stookey's Neworld label, and the Outerspace Band. This was the second Mallet concert produced by Klondike in this area this year.

The first concert, which took place at the Orange Town Hall in February, featured pianist/composer Steven Schoenberg who lives in New Salem. An excellent tape of Schoenberg's performance has been getting a lot of airplay recently on WRSI (95.3 FM) which continues to support a wide variety of musical styles. The station will be co-producing a concert with the venerable Gordon Lightfoot in Springfield Symphony Hall on September 11th.

Perry Howarth reports that the blues are alive and well in New York City (that's no surprise!) where he's been playing them and living them this summer in and out of doors.

In and out of doors is where Mike Tretter hopes to be selling records soon. Mike's "Easy Street" records has become a landmark during the good weather over the years, but this fall he's looking for an indoor location for his good bargains and extensive inventory which includes jazz, rock, reggae, folk, blues and a host of other genres. He and partner Pliny Stebbins may have found a location for the store in the spacious Thorne's Market on Main St. in Northampton, so watch for it!

Lou on the Loose fans will be sorry to hear that Lou left town mysteriously in mid-July and has not been heard from since, although he is believed to be vacationing in South America. Person's with news items for the Wendell Music Scene should write c/o Wendell Music Scene, Box 184, Wendell, MA 01379.

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New Salem Library News

NEW SALEM LIBRARY NEWS

Open: Wednesday 10 - 8
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544-6437

Librarian Ellie Voutselas has put together a scrapbook of Small Town Life, the musical performed at Old Home Day. It consists of newspaper articles, poster, program, the original script and pictures of rehearsals. Anyone wishing to order copies of pictures may do so through Ellie at the Library by October 6th. Further information is available from Ellie.

The Preschool Children's Play Group on Wednesday mornings will start October 6th at the library. Parents are required to supervise children during play time. For further information call Ann Colby 544-6430.

Corrine Emge would like to start a Friends of the New Salem Library this fall. The Friends could be involved in projects such as conducting a family film program, fundraising projects for library, or publicizing town activities. If you have other suggestions and the time to implement them, call Corrine at 544-7184.

Many folks were drawn to Wendell Old Home Day. One guest was Henry Brown the Clown Reknown, who delighted children and adults with his antics. Music, refreshment, sociability, crafts, food, displays, flea markets, games, rides, the petting zoo, all added to the day's celebration.

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Waffles the Clown and friends lead New Salem Old Home Day Parade.

"Left foot, right foot, gotta have a light foot." Cast members from the musical "Small Town Life" parade with Set Designer Chet Cramer.

New Salem Old Home Day

NEW SALEM OLD HOME DAY

New Salem Old Home Day boasted a blistery day with many interesting events and a steady flow of folks enjoying the day and themselves. The Ben Stacey Footrace, which opened up the day, had 25 runners, the winning results for male & female divisions follow: over 40 - Warren Fellows, Sue Authier; 18-40 - Carl Sauter; 14-17 - Don Bosquet, Kara Archibauld; under 17 - Jason Marshall, Cara Voutselas.

The Academy building housed a fine Art display in which New Salem artist showed their painting and sculpting talents. Crafts people set up the old schoolhouse with a colorful array of quilts, handwoven items and pottery. Ellie Voutselas did a spinning demonstration and Pauline Mountainbird threw pottery on the wheel. The quilting group also demonstrated the art of quilting.

Joshua J. the Waffle Clown led one of the largest parades New Salem Old Home Day has ever seen and later charmed the children with his songs and antics. One of the Days most popular events proved to be the lumberman's contest which lasted well over 2 hours. Winning teams were: women - Janet Lawrence and Rosemary Lyman; men - Leon Allen and partner; children - Scott Authier and partner; man and woman - Paul and Claire McGinnis; parent and child - Bruce & Mark Spencer.

As the band played familiar tunes into the afternoon, people gathered together under the trees to listen and chat while others bought the last of the treasures the Ladies' Aid offered.

The day came to a close with the performance of "Small Town Life" a New Salem original musical. The show brought a special spirit to the day and to all those who watched and took part in it. This years' Old Home Day was definitely a day to remember, for indeed, it had "something for everyone."

Mark Spencer proudly parades the new tanker.

"Small Town Life" A New Salem Musical

A REVIEW

Small Town Life: A New Salem Musical

The New Salem all-original production of Small Town Life was a highlight of local summer festivities. As theater, the musical was an exciting experience, for the cast, community, and for the audience who witnessed it. The enthusiasm and joyful pride that the cast and production staff obviously shared with each other in the task at hand was infectious. It had been no secret that a theatrical-musical was in the works as a New Salem Old Home Day activity. Both performances were sold out days prior to show time. For the majority of those present in the audience, Small Town Life could probably have done no wrong. It didn't. It was great!

As another performance is soon in the offing, it would be unfair to divulge favorite moments, but credit must be given to the colaborative talents of author-lyricist-director Dorothy Johnson and composer-pianist Steven Schoenberg. In Small Town Life Dorothy Johnson created a theatrical mirror in which she reflected the lives of New England hill town dwellers. Audience observation and recognition of certain local ways account for a great deal of the play's humor and poignancy. Composer Steven Schoenberg, with his exacting but light-hearted style, manages to exaggerate the moments, causing the characters to show more of themselves. His charismatic energy at the piano helped the players to thrive. The theme song, "Small Town Life" is particularly pleasing and memorable.

On the production end, lighting, clever scenery and props further enhanced the theatric atmosphere. The dance scenes. choreographed by Jan Cramer, received a lot of positive audience response.

The cast was unusual, not just for their abilities, but for who they were. More than forty performers. and an additional dozen more in production, rallied to participate. Their formal experience as performers was as varied, yet some townspeople, by popular acclaim, will never be allowed to forget their play characters.

The musical centers around three people, two enchanting youngsters played by Sara Shortt and Danny Cramer, and a vaudvillian soung and dance man recently arrived in town, played by Nat Needle. The children secretly wish to learn to dance for the Old Home Day Talent Show, but money is short and Old Home Day is threatened by lack of funds. We watch the townspeople as they hold town meeting and as they meet in the Post Office to discuss such things as Old Home Day plans, town finances, and newcomers. No one wishes to make waves, but dreams are at stake. How the situation resolves itself is, of course, in these Hollywood geared times, of utmost importance, but the sheer pleasure of watching the player perform seemed the evening's greatest reward.

At several points the show was stolen by the outstanding performances by the four actresses playing in the Post Office scenes, and by the Selectboard. Two songstresses, Jane Schoenberg and Martha vonMering also made quite a debut. Especially charming was the soft shoe, executed by the towns children. A "stroll" by the grown-ups and a teenagers' lament were droll and well done scenes.

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